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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE RESPONSE: UNSC 1718 COMMITTEE DESIGNATION OF DPRK
ENTITIES SUBJECT TO ASSET FREEZE

Reftel: State 48525

[1](#)1. (SBU) On June 5, EconOff delivered reftel points to Ambassador Lourdes Puma, Director General for Multilateral Affairs in the Ecuadorian Foreign Ministry. The Embassy sent the MFA a hard copy of the points on May 19, but we have been unable to have a meeting until now due to travel by our GOE interlocutors. Puma stated that Ecuador's positions on North Korea were well-known and unchanging. She said that Ecuador strongly supported non-proliferation efforts, but wanted to see them linked to nuclear disarmament efforts by all countries.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Puma was receptive to EconOff's message about the importance of taking appropriate action against the DPRK entities listed in reftel. She said that Ecuador only honored designations that came from the UN Security Council, as opposed to "unilateral" designations. Puma did not appear to be familiar with either the UNSC resolutions or the DPRK entities detailed in the talking points.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Post has also provided a letter and a copy of the background information to the GOE Superintendency of Banks.

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